

Film Annotation - "Inside Job"

Sustainability Problems

1. Title, director and release year?
 - "Inside Job" was directed by Charles Ferguson and released in 2010.
2. What is the central argument or narrative of the film?
 - Looks into the financial crisis of 2008 in America and how it was caused.
3. How is the argument or narrative made or sustained? How much scientific information is provided, for example? Does the film have emotional appeal?
 - The interview is sustained with interviews with politicians, professors and financial insiders that worked during and prior to the financial meltdown.
4. What sustainability problem does the film draw out? Political? Legal? Economical? Technical? Media and Informational? Organizational? Educational? Behavioral? Cultural? Ecological?
 - The film draws out political, legal and economical sustainability issues.
5. What parts of the film did you find most persuasive and compelling? Why?
 - When interviewing Harvard professors they are challenged with questions like did you really say this? They are for the most part unable to respond to these questions. It's basically admitting guilt.
6. What parts of the film were you not compelled or convinced by? Why?
 - The radical call to prosecute the people responsible for other crimes they have committed. While people should be held accountable for their actions it seems petty and insufficient to prosecute them for other crimes in order to punish them for corrupt practices. Get them on the corruption actions there must be evidence to do so.
7. What audiences does this film best address? Why?
 - I think this film best addresses people who suffered through the economic recession of 2008.
8. What could have been added to this film to enhance its environmental educational value?
 - It doesn't have much environmental education because it focuses more on economics.
9. What kinds of action and points of intervention are suggested by this film? If the film itself does not suggest corrective action, describe actions that you can imagine being effective.
 - He focuses on the behavior of the politicians and industry leaders and how it is illegal and this is a way to prosecute them and make them pay for causing the worst economic catastrophe since the great depression.
10. What additional information has the film compelled you to seek out? (Provide at least two supporting references.)
 - It led me to look more into the bailout given by the federal government to the banking industry. The United States government provided \$700 billion to help bailout banks. This is money that the government doesn't really have because it borrows ~\$1.6 trillion each year. The site referenced has very interesting illustrations of how much money the United States Spends and borrows broken down into different times. It really helps to put into perspective how out of control government spending is.

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